

**REGULAR SESSION    RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS    AUGUST 12, 2013**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, August 12, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 29, 2013 as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY LINE DISPUTE**

Robert Nevitt is purchasing property in Manilla. Mr. Nevitt explained that the neighbor's fence is in the county's right of way and that he cannot access a gate to his property due to the location of the fence. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton has visited the site but could not find the corner marker. It was determined that there is encroachment of the right of way by both properties and it was the recommendation of the Commissioners that the property in question be surveyed.

**MADRIGAL DINNERS**

Paul Grizzard choir director at Rushville Consolidated High School was present to ask permission for the use of the courthouse for the annual madrigal dinners. The dates requested are December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Ken Masters moved to approve the use of the courthouse and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

The Commissioners were introduced to the newly appointed Area Plan Director, Kevin Tolloty. Mr. Tolloty presented the board with an outline of his credentials and a list of goals and objectives. Tolloty then presented the administrative duties and advanced responsibilities of a full time position in his office. Permission to hire that position was the next request for the Commissioners. That decision was deferred to the County Council due to the current budget restraints and funding for the 2014 budget.

Tolloty noted that there would be no building inspections until an ordinance could be adopted and he received the proper training.

A formal contract for interim-director David Rogier was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. The addendum to the contract was passed with Ken Masters offering the motion and Mark Bacon seconding the action. Motion carried.

**RALEIGH AMBULANCE**

Raleigh Fire Chief Verlin Custer was present to notify the board that one of the two ambulances at Raleigh will be out of service for repairs for a period of two to three weeks. The Commissioners will be notified of the date. Custer also requested that the Commissioners consider a change in the length of emergency service contracts. Custer stated that a three year contract would be beneficial for long term financial planning of the providers.

## **HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that highway disbursements from the state were \$66,000 more than they were for the same month last year and the reported increase for the year amounts to \$700,000. Sitton then addressed the request for four way stop signs at the intersections of CR 365E and 450 S and 250 E and 450 S, a study of the intersections do not warrant a stop sign at this time. The Commissioners instructed the Sheriff and the Highway Superintendent to monitor the situation.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 34 inmates in the jail. The board was given the jail inspection report and reminded that the jail inspector will be attending the county council meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the findings. The merit board and the commissioners ruled that they would not participate in a study being conducted by the Association of Indiana Counties and the law firm of Ice Miller.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a number of documents to be signed for the county's medical insurance renewal. Commissioner Levi questioned if the county attorney and Jerry Sitton, the insurance committee chairman had seen them. Beard acknowledges that they had not but the forms were a formality and that the insurance contract had already been approved. Ken Masters moved that Bruce Levi be permitted to sign the insurance documents after a review of the insurance committee.

## **MISC**

- A surety bond of Jeanie Bowles was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.
- Ambulance run sheets were received from Raleigh/Mays EMS, RMH, and Carthage Volunteer Fire Department.

Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll for August 16th was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor

